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ON CUBAN PRISONERS**

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James B. Donovan expressed optimism yesterday on negotiations for the release of 1,113 prisoners of the Cuban invasion.

Mr. Donovan met here yesterday with Ernesto Freyre, Secretary of the Cuban Families Committee in Miami. Mr. Donovan is legal representative of the committee.

Mr. Freyre brought documents from Alberto Mora, Minister of Foreign Commerce under Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, from Havana to Miami Friday. At that time Mr. Freyre said:

"I am very optimistic. I feel the negotiations are in the last stage."

Mr. Donovan said the report delivered by Mr. Freyre embraced a "massive" list of drugs, medicines and baby foods that Premier Castro has demanded as ransom for the prisoners.

The report is so massive, he said, that he has asked members of his staff to give detailed study to it.

Mr. Donovan again emphasized that no money was involved in the negotiations. Premier Castro originally demanded \$62,000,000 in cash, but later switched to medical supplies and foodstuffs.

Mr. Donovan said his latest offer to Premier Castro "represents solely a gift in the humanitarian spirit from the American people to the Cuban people for the purpose of helping children, the sick and the elderly during their present plight."

He made his comments during a walking tour of the Bronx in his Democratic campaign for the Senate.